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for after  
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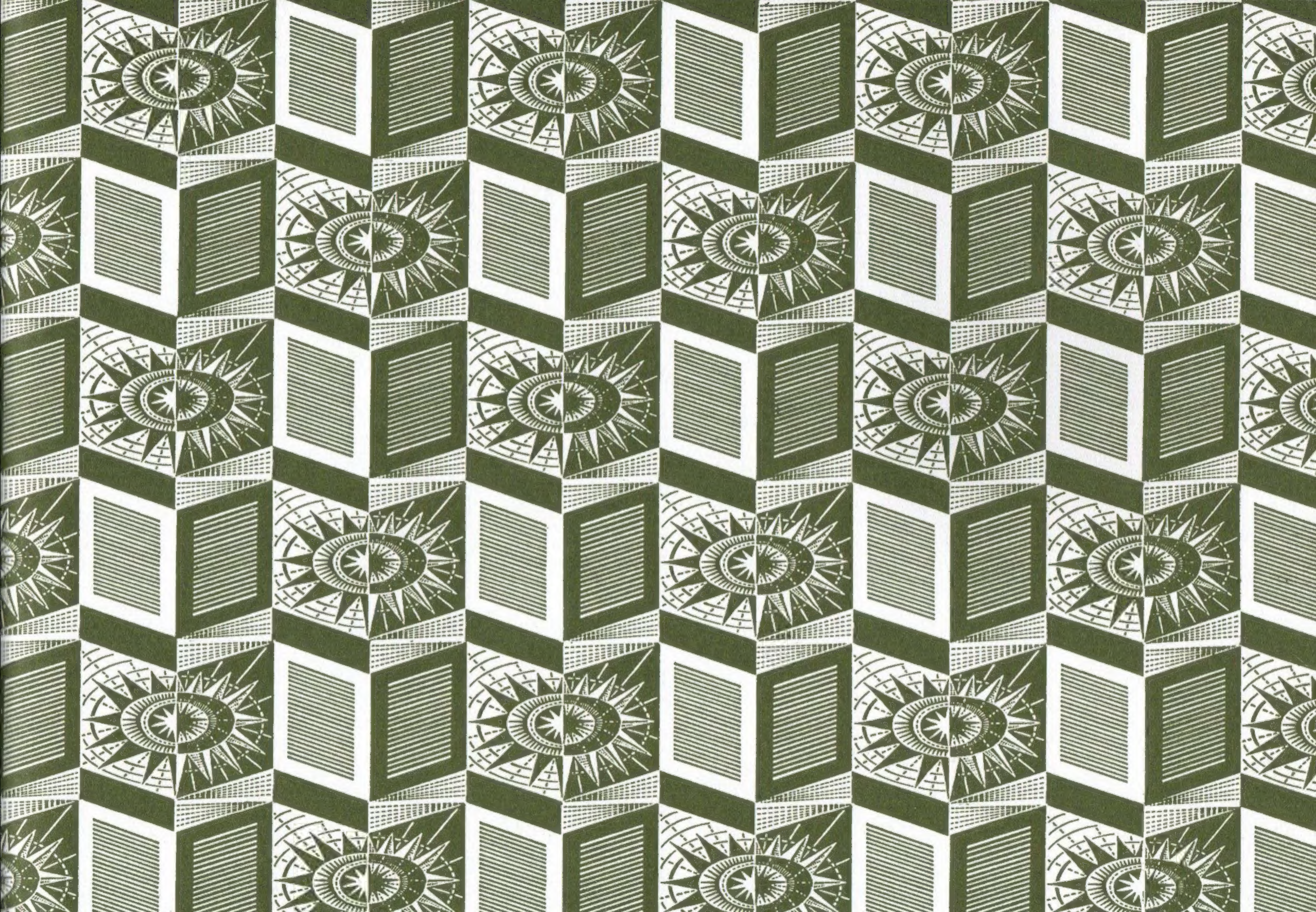
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**GERRARD  
WINSTANLEY**



*“The earth must be set free  
from intanglements of Lords  
and Landlords, and that it shall  
become a common Treasury for  
all ... for freedom is the man  
that will turn the world upside  
downe.”*



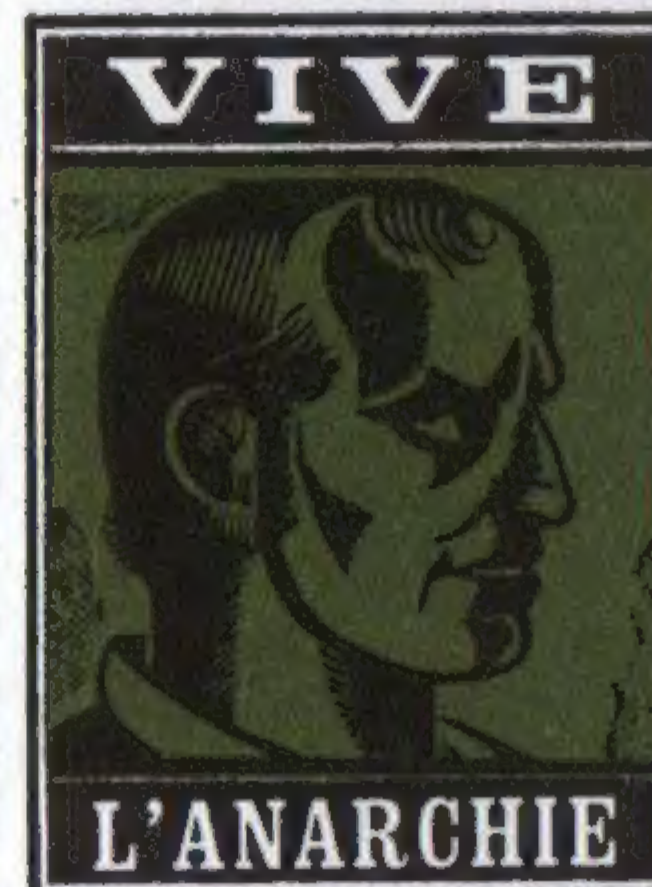




**WILLIAM  
GODWIN**



*“Above all we should not forget that government is an evil, an usurpation upon the private judgement and individual conscience of mankind.”*







**PERCY BYSSHE  
SHELLEY**



*“It is in vain to wait until  
all men shall desire  
Freedom, it is in vain to  
hope to enlighten them  
whilst their tyrants employ  
the utmost artifices of all  
their complicated engine to  
perpetuate the infection of  
every species of fanaticism  
and error from generation  
to generation ... if they wait  
... the people will have  
exhausted their strength in  
ineffectual expectation and  
will have sunk into  
incurable supineness.”*







**MAX  
STIRNER**



*“Away with every concern that is not altogether my concern. You think at least the ‘Good Cause’ must be my concern? What’s good? What’s bad? Neither has meaning for me. The divine is God’s concern; the human is down to humans. My concern is neither the divine nor the human, not the true, good, just, free, etc., but it is unique, as I am. Nothing is more to me than myself.”*







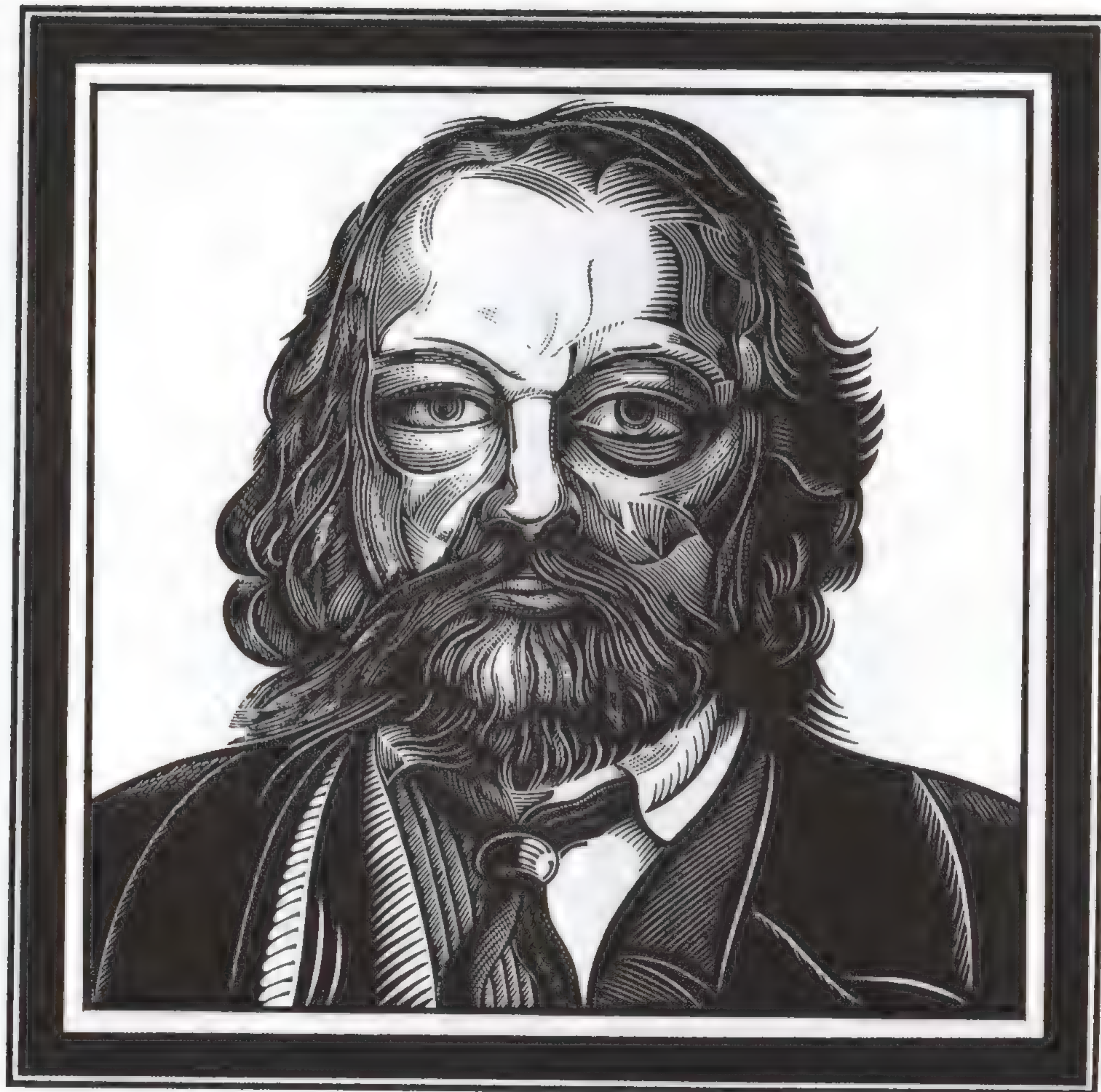
**PIERRE-JOSEPH  
PROUDHON**



*“All men are equal and free;  
society by nature and  
destination, is therefore  
autonomous and ungovernable  
... Whoever puts his hand on me  
to govern me is an usurper and  
a tyrant; I declare him to be  
my enemy.”*







**MICHAEL  
BAKUNIN**



*“Mankind has allowed itself to be governed long enough, too long, the origin of its unhappiness does not reside in this or that form of government but in the very principle and fact of government, whatever kind it may be.”*







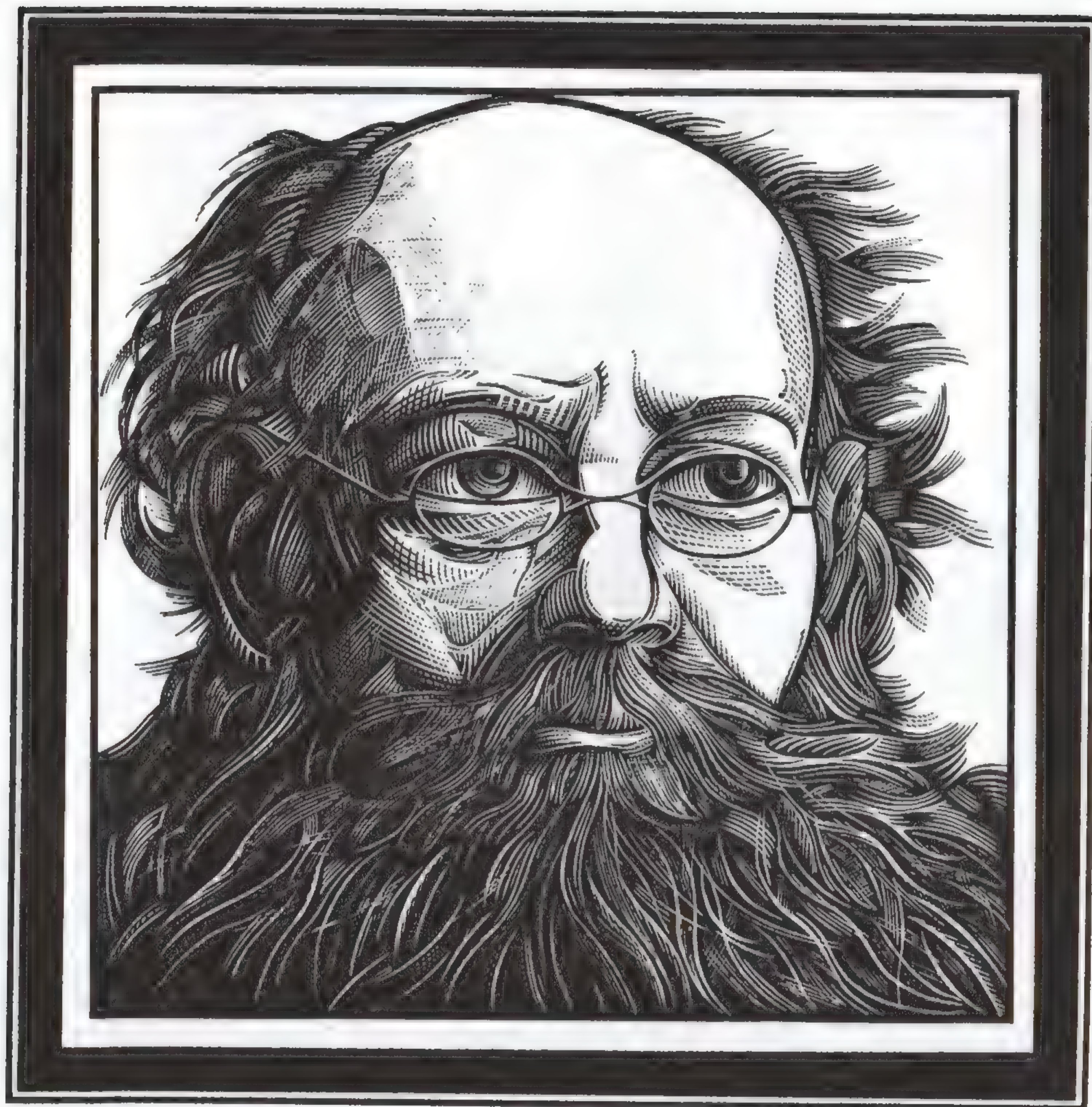
**LOUISE  
MICHEL**



*“Why have we made the demonstration under the black flag? Because it is the flag of the strikes and indicates that the workers have no bread.”*







**PETER  
KROPOTKIN**



*“We believe that capital is the common patrimony of humanity, since it is the fruit of the collaboration of past generations with the contemporary one, and we believe that it must be at the disposition of all, in such a way that none can be excluded from it; that no one should be able to corner a part to the detriment of everyone else. In a word, we want equality.”*







**ERRICO  
MALATESTA**



*“For anarchy to succeed or simply advance toward its success, it must be conceived not only as a lighthouse which illuminates and attracts, but as something possible and attainable, not in centuries to come but in a relatively short time and without relying on miracles.”*







**OSCAR  
WILDE**



*“People sometimes enquire what form of government it is most suitable for an artist to live under. To this question there is only one answer. The form of government that is most suitable to the artist is no government at all.”*







**EMMA  
GOLDMAN**



*"Love, the strongest and deepest element in all life, the harbinger of hope, of joy, of ecstasy; love, the defier of all laws, of all conventions; love, the freest, the most powerful moulder of human destiny; how can such an all-compelling force be synonymous with that poor little State and Church begotten weed, marriage? Free love? As if love is anything but free. Man has brought brains, but all the millions in the world have failed to buy love."*







**ALEXANDER  
BERKMAN**



*“The strength of labour is not on the field of battle. It is in the shop, in the mine, in the factory. There lies its power, that no army in the world can defeat, no human agency can conquer. In other words, the social revolution can take place only by means of the General Strike. The General Strike, rightly understood and thoroughly carried out, is the social revolution. You can shoot people to death, but you can’t shoot them to work.”*







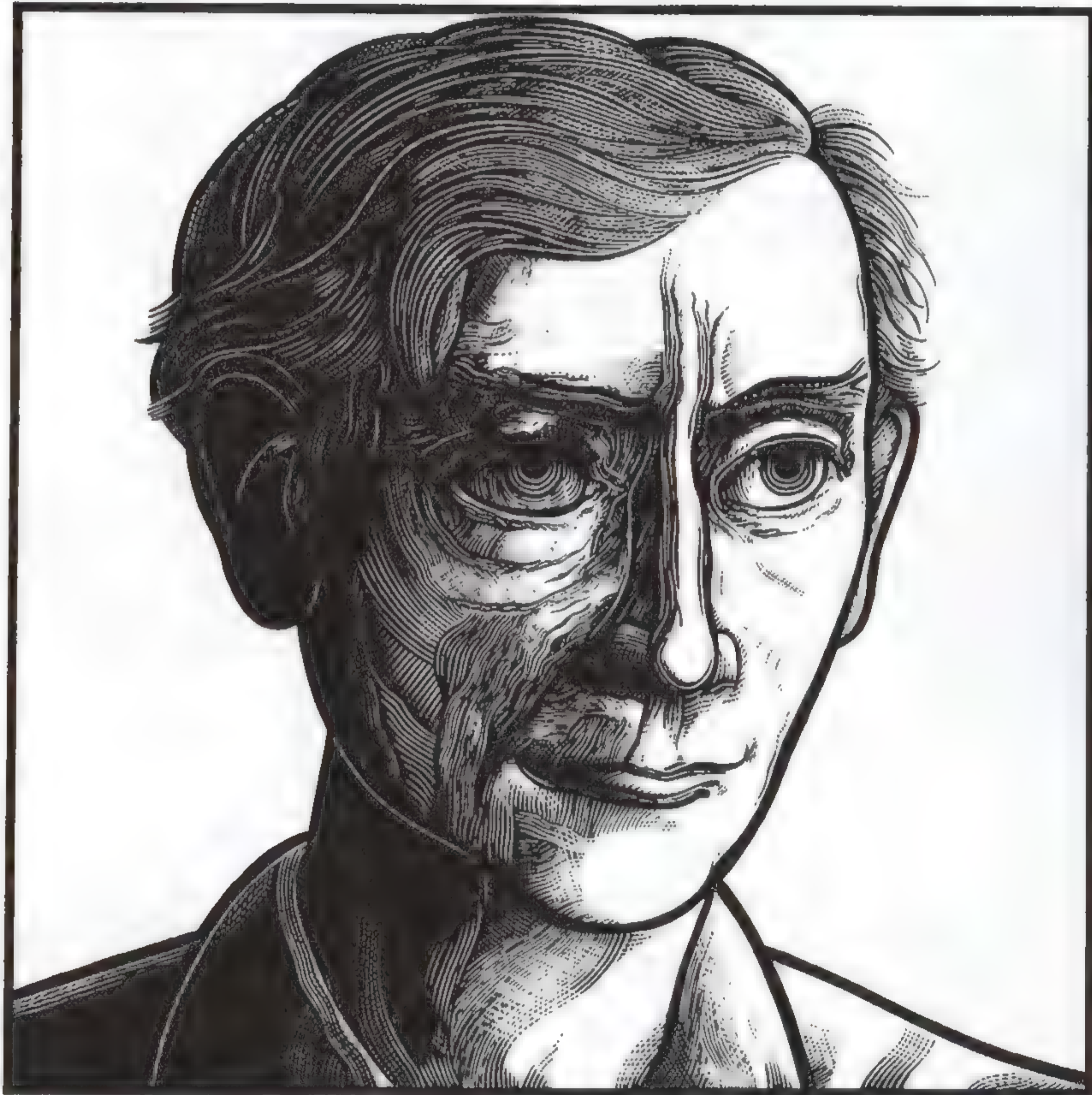
**EMILIANO  
ZAPATA**





“*The land free, free for all,  
without overseers and masters.  
Seek justice from tyrannical  
governments, not with a hat in  
your hand but with a rifle in  
your fists.*”





**HERBERT  
READ**



*"Faith in the fundamental  
goodness of man; humility in  
the presence of natural law;  
reason and mutual aid – these  
are the qualities that can save  
us. But they must be unified  
and vitalised by an  
insurrectionary passion, a  
flame in which all virtues are  
tempered and clarified and  
brought to their most effective  
strength."*



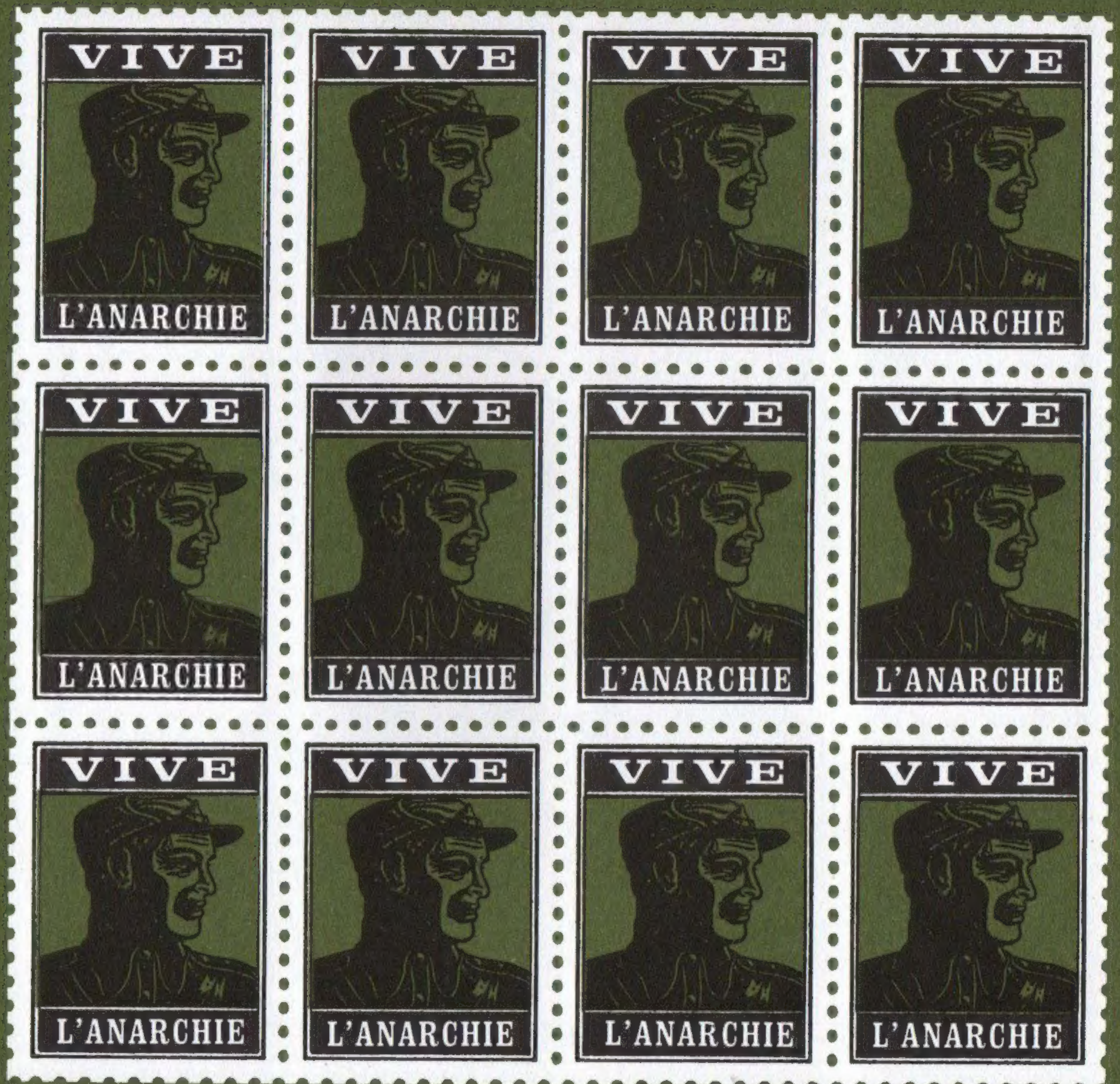




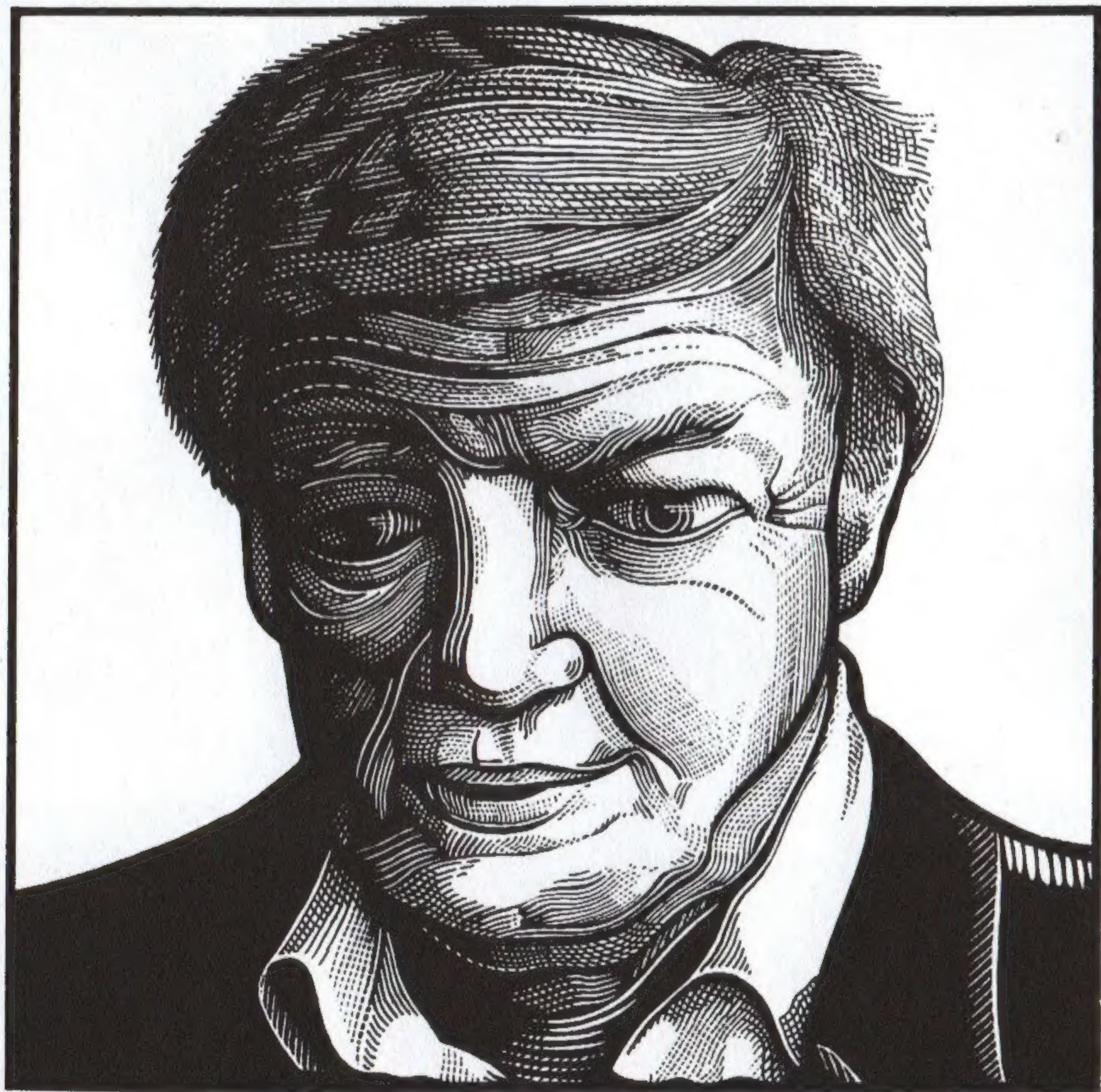
**BUENAVENTURA  
DURRUTI**



“It is we who built those palaces and cities here in Spain and America and everywhere. We, the workers, can build others to take their place. And better ones. We are not in the least afraid of ruins. We are going to inherit the earth.”



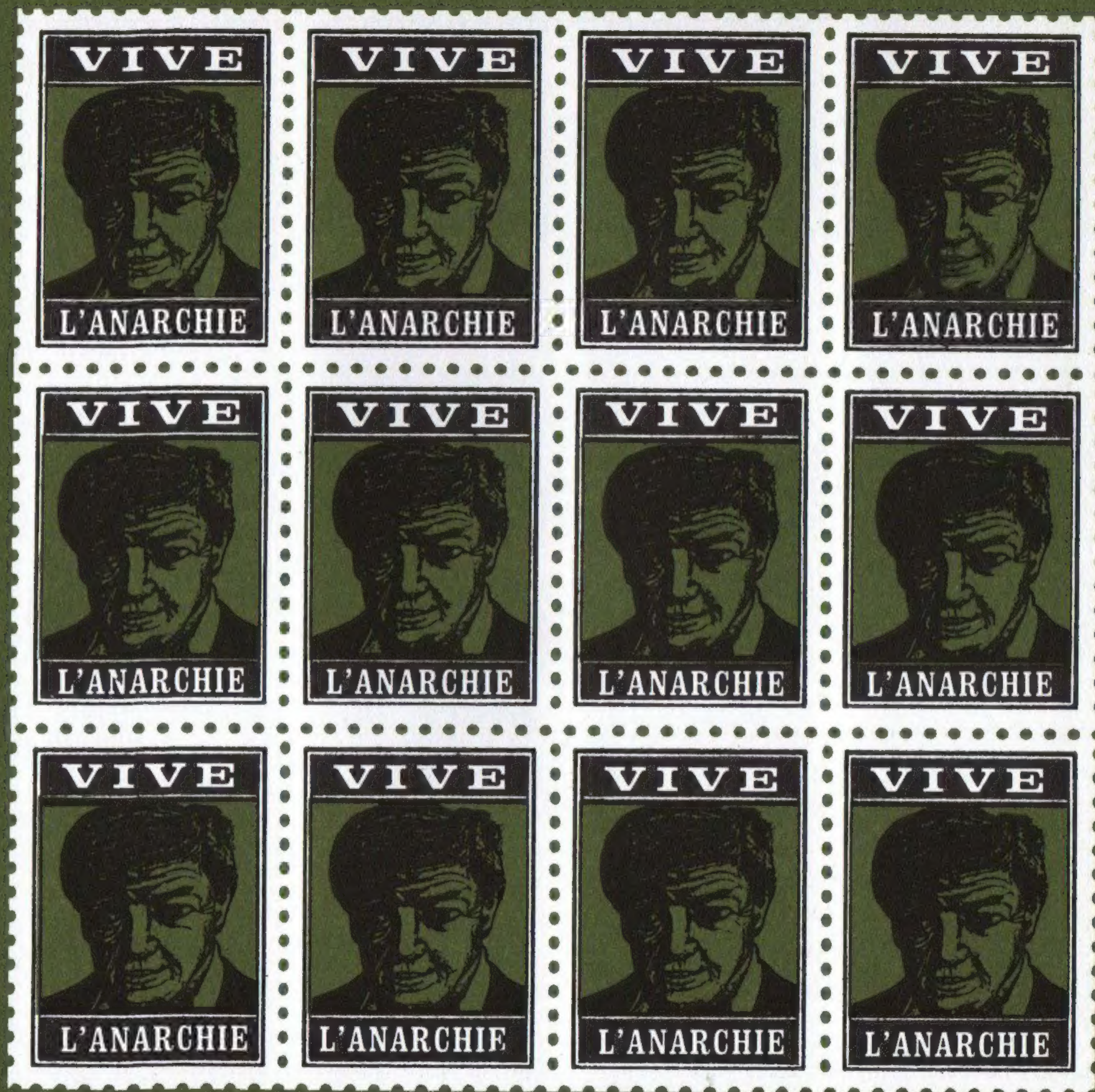




**COLIN  
WARD**



*“An anarchist society, a society which organises itself without authority, is always in existence, like a seed beneath the snow, buried under the weight of the state and its bureaucracy, capitalism and its waste, privilege and its injustices, nationalism and its suicidal loyalties, religious differences and their superstitious separatism.”*





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**W**hat can anarchism possibly have in common with postal services? Francis Sedlak was a pioneer of the Tolstoyan anarchist community at Whiteway in Gloucestershire in 1899. After working his passage from Bohemia via the French Foreign Legion in Algeria, he escaped from prison into the Sahara desert, only to be jailed in Spain. At Whiteway he built his house where he lived with Nellie Shaw. Wanting to post an article he'd written, 'My Military Experience', he realised that he could not bring himself to lick the back of a stamp bearing a portrait of Queen Victoria and support the government-run postal service, so he set out to walk to London and deliver his article by hand, but "the weather was very cold with heavy snow and he was clad only in thin clothes with no shoes. Not surprisingly he was forced to turn back." If only poor Francis Sedlak had a copy of Clifford Harper's *Anarchist Postage Stamps*, his letter may have got there sooner. We're sure there are enough anarchists working in the Post Office today to ensure its safe delivery ... if not on time.

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